(c) if so, whether Government propose to adopt these technologies which are cheaper and efficient?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI L. PRABHU): (a) and (c) Government has seen such press reports but does not agree with the same. The gas-based fertilizer projects in India cost somewhat higher than similar plants elsewhere in the World because of the following factors--

(i) The projects are located in the backward/undeveloped areas, very remote from the port, which necessitates considerable expenditure on infrastructure development and transportation cost of equipment;

(ii) The indigenous equipment costs are somewhat higher than imported ones, because of present recession in the World Capital Goods Industry;

(iii) The inventory level of spare parts has to be necessarily higher because of longlead required to procure them from foreign sources;

(iv) Higher incidence of local taxes, duties and interest rates;

(v) Fluctuation in the parity rates of exchange;

(vi) Higher costs of steel and cement.

For choosing the technology for the gas-based plants bids were received from all the pre-qualified international engineering consultants. Selection of Snamprogetti for urea technology and of Haldor Topsee and M.W. Kellogg for ammonia technology was made on the basis of technical suitability and the lowest evaluated bids.

(b) Gujarat State Fertilizers Company has yet to evaluate the offers and approach the Government for approval of the foreign collaboration agreement.

12.00 NOON

## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now Papers to be Laid on the Table.

**I. Report and Accounts (1986-87) of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi and related papers.**

**II. Statement giving reasons for not laying the Audited Accounts (1986-87) of the Press Council of India within the stipulated period.**

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(i) (a) Annual Report of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, for the year 1986-87.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, for the year 1986-87 and the Auditors' Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the Institute.

(d) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) and (b) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5735/88 for (a) to (d)].

(ii) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for not laying the Audited Accounts of the Press Council of India for the year 1986-87, within the stipulated period. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5734/88].

**Statement indicating the results of market loans floated by the Government in December, 1987 and February, 1988**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Sir, on behalf of Shri B. K. Gadhvi I beg to lay on the Table a Statement (in English and Hindi) indicating the results of market loans floated by the Government in

December, 1987 and February, 1988. [Placed in library. *See* No. LT-5726/88].

**I. Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Kerala Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Trivandrum and related papers.**

**I. Report and Accounts (1985-86) of the Tamil Nadu Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Madras and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Eighteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Kerala Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Trivandrum for the year 1985-86 together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5730/88 for (a) and (b)].

(ii) (a) Nineteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Tamil Nadu Agro Industries Corporation Limited, Madras for the year 1984-85 together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the Corporation.

II. Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at I(i) (a) and (ii) (a) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-5731/88 for (ii) and (II)].

**[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]**

**Announcement Re. Government Business for the week commencing the 21st March, 1988.**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam Deputy Chairman, with your permission I rise to announce that Government Business in his House during the week commencing 21st March, 1988, will consist of:

(1) Further General Discussion on the Railway Budget for 1988-89.

(2) General Discussion on the General Budget for 1988-89.

(3) Consideration and return of the following Bills as passed by Lok Sabha:

(a) The Appropriation (Vote on Account) Bill, 1988.

(b) The Appropriation Bill, 1988.

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## CLARIFICATIONS ON THE STATEMENT ON SRI LANKA

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Madam Deputy Chairman, with much pain and agony, I place my appeal of mercy before the Government from the core of my heart to put an end to the repressive offensive of the IPKF against the LTTE—the highly motivated liberation movement of Tamils in Sri Lanka

Madam, totally contrary to the emphatic assurances of our hon. Prime Minister, all the demands of the Tamils have not been met. The statement which was made yesterday itself admits the fact that the legislation passed in the Sri Lanka Parliament does not meet all the demands of the Tamils The 13th amendment to the Constitution and the Provincial Councils Act do not contain any provision to fulfil the basic political demands of the Tamils There is no constitutional guarantee for the merger of the North and East. The Councils have not been given adequate powers on